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# THE DIVISION OF WOMEN AND CRIME NEWS

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## FOUND HERSTORIES!

BELVA A. LOCKWOOD, ATTORNEY

by Clarice Feinman

Belva A. Lockwood was the first woman to argue a case before the United States Supreme Court. She advised women to join forces to overcome discrimination in the legal profession. She set her own life as an example of what women could accomplish if they could overcome the fear of entering non-traditional areas of work.

Lockwood graduated from National University Law School in Washington, D.C., and was admitted to the District of Columbia bar in 1873 at the age of 43. Denied the right to argue before the Supreme Court because she was a woman, Lockwood drafted a bill that would end such discrimination against female lawyers. After lobbying for three years in Congress, Lockwood enjoyed the double pleasure of seeing the bill passed and becoming the first woman to argue a case before the U.S. Supreme Court. However, despite her success in Washington, she was denied admission to the Virginia bar in 1890, solely on the basis of her sex.

Lockwood was also active in the women's suffrage movement. As a member of the Woman's National Equal Rights Party, she ran for President in 1884 and 1888.

Throughout her career as a lawyer and political activist, she urged women not to be intimidated by public opinion that maligned women who sought careers or the rights to vote and hold public office. A century later, women continue to face discrimination in criminal justice (though more subtle, perhaps) and it is still worthwhile to heed Lockwood's advice and follow her example.



## NEW JOURNAL ON "WOMEN AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE" ANNOUNCED



At last! There is to be a scholarly journal focused on issues related to gender and crime!

Called Women and Criminal Justice, the new journal is being published by The Haworth Press under the editorship of Dr. Clarice Feinman, Professor of Criminal Justice at Trenton State College in New Jersey. Dr. Feinman also serves as the Secretary-Treasurer of the Division (and is the author of the adjoining article in the Found Herstories series).

In announcing the new journal, Haworth noted that it will be "the only periodical devoted specifically to interdisciplinary scholarly research and criminal justice practice dealing with all areas of women and criminal justice." Dr. Feinman wants the journal to serve the need of both scholars and practitioners who are concerned with finding "innovative approaches to the current issues of the day."

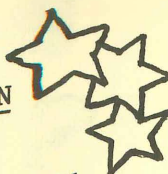
Editor Feinman anticipates that it will be about a year before the first issue is released. She has issued a call for papers, and she urges Division members to submit manuscripts for consideration. "Instructions for Authors" are available from Dr. Feinman by writing to her at the Department of Criminal Justice, Trenton State College, CN 4700, Trenton, New Jersey, 08650. Presumably reviewers will also be needed.

Anyone interested in more information about subscriptions or sample copies should contact The Haworth Press, Inc. at 12 West 32nd Street, New York, NY, 10001-3813. (Hey!--let's flood them with our advance subscription orders and library requests, what do you say?)





FROM THE DIVISION CHAIRPERSON  
by Anna F. Kuhl

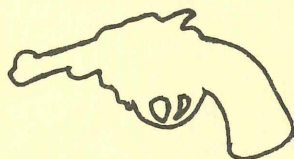


When Phyllis Jo Baunach passed the gavel on to me in November, she left big shoes for me to fill! A heartfelt thanks to P.J. for the job she did so well as our first Division Chairperson!

Many exciting things are happening now in the Division. Some of them are discussed elsewhere in this newsletter, but some can be briefly mentioned here. First, we are working on a proposal to create an award specific to women and crime. The opportunity to create this award may materialize this year yet. Second, our Division Information Table was a such a success in Montreal, we are planning to do it again in Chicago. Plan to volunteer some time in November "at the Table"; you'll meet lots of people and have fun at the same time!

Third, Division committees have been busily working. If you have ideas for any of the projects mentioned, or for new projects, get in touch with me or the appropriate committee members. Would you like to serve on a committee? Think about both the ASC and Division committees which will be appointed in the Fall--I'll be soliciting names soon!

Finally, please note that the time slot requested for our annual Division meeting is the second morning of the conference, 9:00-11:00a.m.. You may wish to keep this in mind when making your travel plans for November. See you in Chicago!



WORKSHOP ON WOMEN POLICE  
PLANNED FOR ASC?

There is an effort afoot to organize a curriculum workshop on women in policing for the ASC meetings in Chicago, even if it is ad hoc and not part of the regular program this year. If you teach such a course, would like to contribute to the design of such a course, or would like to otherwise participate in such a workshop, contact (in September): Carole Garrison, Dept. of C.J., University of Akron, Akron, Ohio 44325 (216-375-7396).

FOOTNOTE: The Division is still interested in collecting syllabi from courses on women and crime. A curriculum guide might be in the works. Interested? Call Merry Morash at 517-355-2197.

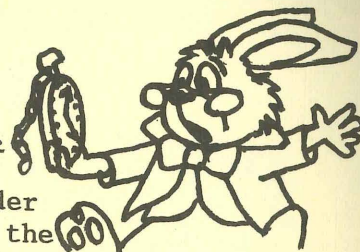


From the Editor:

I'M LATE! I'M LATE!...

Were you feeling left out? Did you wonder if your membership in the Division had lapsed? Relax---this issue of the DivisionNews is just plain late. (Mea culpa!)

But come to think of it, have you paid your 1988 Division dues? You wouldn't really want to be left out, would you? And remember, send in those book reviews, news notes, etc.---it's not our newsletter without your submissions!



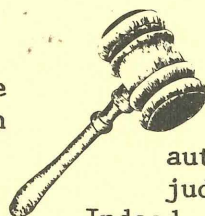
IN FRANCE, JUDGES ARE MORE  
LIKELY TO BE WOMEN!

by Jim Hackler

I have been told on good authority that the majority of judges in France are now women. Indeed, I'm told that Juvenile Court judges and prosecutors are much more likely to be women. Why have women succeeded so well in attaining positions as judges in France?

It seems that judges in France are magistrates and take exams to be admitted to the magistrate's school. In short, it is ability rather than politics which determines who becomes a judge. Under such conditions, women do very well.

Perhaps we ought to try to change the procedures which place people in positions of influence?



NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION FORM

Use this form to send in your contributions for the Fall newsletter (deadline: September 1, 1988):

The attached information may be of interest to DivisionNews readers. Put it under the heading of: [ ]news, [ ]research request, [ ]found herstory, [ ]book review, [ ]upcoming events, or [ ]you figure it out.

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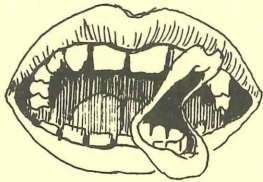
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I understand that the editor retains the right to make needed revisions.

RESEARCH REQUEST: Meda Chesney-Lind is still looking for recent work on female delinquency for a book. Send material to her at Women's Studies Program, Porteus 722, 2424 Maile Way, Honolulu, HI 96822.





### DIVISION SPEAKER'S LIST FORMING

Women are often not "visible" as members of non-traditional

professions. But civic groups are always looking for speakers, media are always looking for experts to interview, and conference organizers are always seeking keynoters. All they need are suggestions!

The Division is compiling a speaker's roster of Women in Criminal Justice, modeled after one created by the American Physical Society Committee on the Status of Women in Physics. So far, a list of 30 women willing to speak on a range of topics in CJ has been compiled. If you would like to be included on our growing list, use the format below to provide basic data about yourself. But hurry---Opportunity is knocking!

#### Speaker's List Application

Yes! I'm willing to speak up!

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate three topics on which you are willing to speak and their suitability to a general audience:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Your geographic area: (check one) \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ NE ☐ NC ☐ SE ☐ MW ☐ SW ☐ NW ☐ W  
☐ International

Mail to: Meda Chesney-Lind, Women's Studies Program, Porteus 722, 2424 Maile Way, Honolulu, Hawaii 96822.

### ACTIVIST RESEARCH AGENDA ON BATTERY PROPOSED

The Activist Research Task

Force is an informal network of people within the battered women's movement interested in developing a national activist research agenda on woman battering. A proposed agenda has been drafted and a July meeting has been scheduled. For info: Janet Carter, Family Abuse Project, Bldg. 1, Suite 200, 1001 Potrero Ave., San Francisco, CA, 94110.

FACTS OF LIFE: In 1987, there were only five% women in Congress, 16% women in state legislatures, and 14% serving as statewide elective officials in the U.S.

### THE MEMBERSHIP FORM

You betcha! I want to join the Division and keep on receiving this newsletter! I understand that I must be a member of ASC in good standing to join.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check for \$5.00 payable to American Society of Criminology. Remit to Sara Hall, Division of Women and Crime, 1314 Kinnear Rd., Columbus Ohio 43212. For information call 614-292-9207.

DID YOU KNOW? The FBI reports that for the year 1986, women comprised only 7.2% of all sworn police officers in the U.S.



### STUDENT OUTREACH PROPOSALS

Carole Garrison, of the Student Outreach Committee, has submitted the following proposals for members of the Division to consider. Their purpose is to foster more student participation and to provide them more support. What do you think?

#### Student Outreach Proposals:

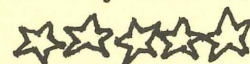
1. Any student member of ASC may join the Division and enjoy full rights of membership including voting and holding office.

2. The Division should elect at least one student to the Executive Board annually. This could be one the existing three Counselors or a new position.

3. The Division should encourage student participation by annually providing three \$100.00 scholarships to three female graduate students presenting papers on women and crime at the ASC.

4. The Division should host an annual private cocktail party for graduate students at the ASC.

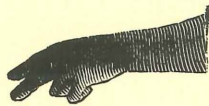
These proposals will be up for discussion at the annual Division meeting in November. Any reactions?



RESUMES STILL NEEDED: The Resume Bank of the Division is still in need of submissions for the Fellows Committee File. Don't be shy! The Bank will also be used to make recommendations for journal reviewers, ASC committees, etc. For more info call Merry Morash at 517-355-2197.



TENURE/PROMOTION SUPPORT  
NETWORK BEING FORMED



Can women in academia get equitable access to promotions and tenure in the field of criminology?

As in many other male-dominated professions, women in CJ often experience being the only one of "their kind" in their department. Appreciation by their peers for their research, especially if it is on gender issues, may be lacking. The usual friendly advice on successfully approaching the tenure/promotion process may be withheld.

In response to this problem, the Division is trying to coordinate a Tenure/Promotion Support Network. The idea is that we all volunteer to serve as external reviewers in our various areas of expertise, and a listing is created which Division members facing tenure or promotion decisions can use to find external reviewers who may have a better appreciation for their work. Or, those who have already successfully weathered these processes might serve as "advisors" to those with less experience.

In either case, being listed in the Network as a potential advisor or reviewer incurs no obligation---just the

willingness to be asked. If this sounds like a long overdue idea and you want to get more info or participate, contact: Dr. Laura Fishman, Dept. of Sociology, Univ. of Vermont, 31 South Prospect St., Burlington VT 05405, (802) 656-6122.



HOPE FOR THE FUTURE DEPARTMENT:

The U.S. Department of Education reports that in 1983-84 women were 36.8% of all persons receiving their first professional degree in law. By contrast, in 1964-65, women comprised only 3.3% of that total.

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